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State, U.S. EPA, & Senate Leaders to Headline ECOS Spring Meeting

Register for Meeting and Reserve Hotel Now at Best Rates



To kick off the New Year, ECOS has issued a [new draft agenda](#) for the action-packed **April 8-10** Spring Meeting in Crystal City, Virginia. Among the additions are Senate Environment & Public Works Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) as a confirmed luncheon co-keynoter on April 9 and Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) as an invited co-keynoter. Other featured speakers are state and federal leaders including EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler (invited).

[Register](#) today for a firsthand look at *Partnership in Action: Advancing Collaboration, Certainty, & Confidence!* Having secured a seat at the table through the ECOS Cooperative Federalism 2.0 initiative, states now are working with U.S. EPA and other federal partners to deepen shared decision-making, shared problem-solving, and shared programmatic development. In the spirit of collaboration, the gathering also will include a dinner reception at the Canadian Embassy on April 9.

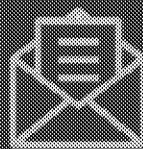
See additional meeting information [here](#). Register by **March 1** to take advantage of the early bird rate, and reserve at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel while supply lasts to secure the special ECOS rates of \$251 and \$269. [Parisien]

Sponsorship Opportunities Available for 2019 ECOS Meetings



ECOS has an exciting conference lineup in store for 2019! In addition to the **April 8-10** Spring Meeting in Crystal City, Virginia, a **July 10** STEP Meeting in Washington,

DC, and a **September 24-26** Fall Meeting in Seattle, Washington are planned. Learn more about sponsorship opportunities [here](#), and contact [Lia Parisien](#) of ECOS for more information or to sign up! [Parisien]

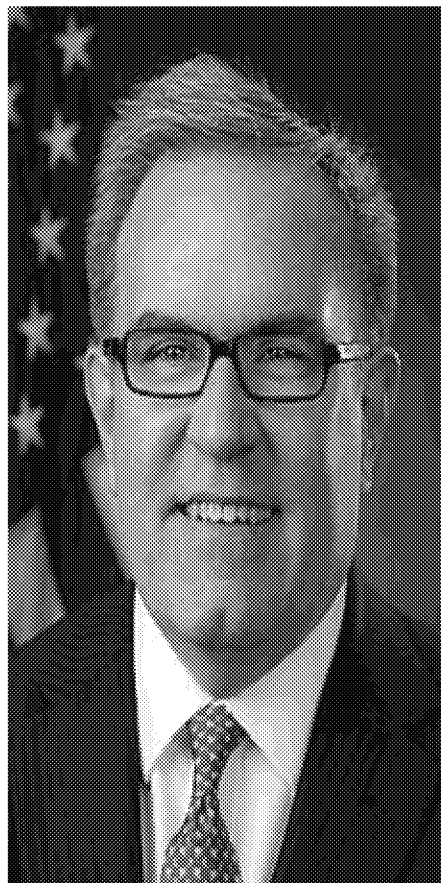


ECOS Offices to Move February 1

On February 1, the ECOS offices will move from Capitol Hill to a location near U.S. EPA. Please jot down the new ECOS address for mailing purposes or to stop by and visit our new space:

ECOS
1250 H Street, NW Suite 850
Washington, DC 20005

Senate EPW Schedules Nomination Hearing for Andrew Wheeler



On the heels of an official nomination this week by President Trump, the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee has scheduled a January 16 hearing to consider making the role of Acting U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler permanent. The hearing comes despite the ongoing partial shutdown of the federal government affecting EPA. [Parisien]

Transitions

New ECOS Members Named in New Mexico, California, Colorado, & Ohio

Four newly elected Governors this week appointed environmental agency heads. ECOS welcomes the following new members and wishes a fond farewell to all of our departing

ones!

New Mexico



Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has appointed a familiar face to succeed Butch Tongate as Cabinet Secretary of the state's Environment Department. Jim Kenney, who currently serves as U.S. EPA Senior Policy Advisor on oil and gas issues, has worked closely with the ECOS Shale Gas Caucus (SGC) since its inception in 2014. During his 21 years at U.S. EPA he has handled civil and criminal investigations involving the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other federal environmental laws.

Kenney, who also worked briefly for the U.S. Department of Justice and in the private sector, earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Environmental Engineering and related fields from Temple University.

"Through his dedicated involvement in the SGC, Kenney has promoted compliance with oil and gas regulations, as well as innovative solutions to address produced water challenges," said SGC Co-Chair Martha Rudolph, outgoing Director of Environmental Programs for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Upon his announcement, Kenney emphasized the importance of science, innovation, collaboration, and results.

California



Jared Blumenfeld, formerly a U.S. EPA Region 9 Administrator during the Obama Administration, is Governor Gavin Newsom's pick for the position of Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Blumenfeld succeeds Matthew Rodriguez, who served as Secretary since 2011.

In 2016, Blumenfeld founded his own private firm advising clean-tech companies in best practices. Prior to his EPA position he was Director of the San Francisco Department of Environment, where he and then-Mayor Newsom worked to make San Francisco the most sustainable city in the nation. He also served as General Manager of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Director of the Treasure Island Redevelopment Authority, Chairman of United Nations World Environment Day, Director of Habitat Protection at the International Fund for Animal Welfare, and Executive Director of Earth Summit Watch for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

He graduated from Cambridge College of Arts and Technology and earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London. The position requires Senate confirmation. [Parisien]

Colorado

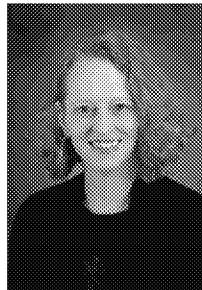


Governor Jared Polis appointed Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH to serve as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). As announced in last week's edition of *ECOSWIRE*, former ECOS President Martha Rudolph, who serves under the Executive Director as Director for Environmental Programs, will retire from the agency on January 11.

Ryan is a two-term Eagle County, Colorado Commissioner and a public health professional with more than two decades of experience in the field. She is the current President of Colorado Communities for Climate Action and past Vice President of the Colorado Board

of Health. Before becoming Commissioner, Ryan managed Eagle County's Public Health Agency and was Director of the Office of Health Disparities at CDPHE.

Ohio



Ohio Governor-Elect Mike DeWine has tapped Laurie Stevenson to succeed Craig Butler as Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). A 20-year veteran of the agency, Stevenson currently serves as the agency's Deputy Director for Business Relations, working with regulated businesses to coordinate permits. She has been active in several ECOS efforts.

In other good news for ECOS, Butler will stay on at Ohio EPA in a new capacity! [Parisien]

State News You Can Use

[New Hampshire Proposes New PFAS Drinking Water Standards](#)

[Utah Highlights Accomplishments in Annual Report](#)

Nevada Touts 2018 Environmental Progress, Shares Sneak Peek into 2019

Need-to-Know News in Air

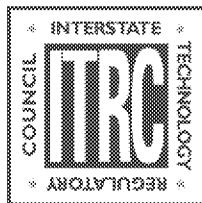
U.S. EPA Proposes Revisions to Mercury and Air Toxics Standards

Area of Focus: Air

On December 27, EPA announced a proposed rule revising the 2016 Supplemental Cost Finding for the 2012 Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). Based on the new finding, EPA also proposes that it is not “appropriate and necessary” to regulate HAP emissions from power plants under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The agency does not propose, however, to rescind or repeal the 2012 MATS rule, as coal- and oil-fired power plants have been listed for regulation under Section 112(c) since December 2000. Once a source is listed, it cannot be “delisted” except pursuant to specified procedure set forth in Section 112(c)(9).

EPA has also updated the MATS risk and technology review and proposes that no changes to the MATS rule are currently needed.

There will be 60 days to comment on this proposal once it is published in the *Federal Register*. [Poole]



ITRC

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council

ITRC Invites State Staff to Join 2019 Project Teams



The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a state-led coalition working to reduce barriers to the use of innovative air, water, waste, and remediation environmental technologies and processes. ITRC's [2019 project teams](#) bring together experts from all environmental sectors to develop guidance and training on the most pressing state issues.

Sign up for our project teams [here](#). [Olonoff]

ITRC Holds PFAS Training Class in Region 4

On January 10, the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) held a PFAS training class at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Atlanta. The class was well attended, with 89 professionals primarily from federal, state, city, and local governments. ITRC extends a huge thanks to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for hosting this training on short notice due to the closure of federal offices!

If you are interested in attending one of ITRC's free PFAS training classes, you can learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]



Government representatives gather for the ITRC PFAS training in Atlanta.

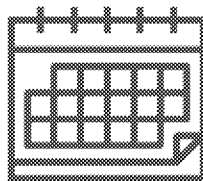
ECOS Staff News

Altieri Wraps Up ECOS Assignment, Returns to U.S. EPA



Please join us in saying farewell to Sonia Altieri, who was a top-notch contributor at ECOS the past two years while on loan from U.S. EPA on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignment. Among her activities at ECOS were the ECOS-EPA Compliance Assurance Workgroup, compliance research webinars, and ECOS Results.

Sonia returns to the EPA's Office of Water and can be reached at altieri.sonia@epa.gov.
[Parisien]



Upcoming Events

Webinars

ECOS PFAS Caucus Call

ECOS will hold its second PFAS Caucus call on **January 15 at 3-4 p.m. Eastern**. The call will focus on the results and next steps of the PFAS gap analysis state activities assessment. For more information or to be included in future Caucus distributions, email [Sarah Grace Longworth](#) of ECOS. [Longworth]

ITRC on Connecting the Science to Managing LNAPL Sites

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold the second in a three-part online training course on *Connecting the Science to Managing LNAPL Sites* on **January 22 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**. The newly updated Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPLs) three-part training course series is based on the ITRC guidance [LNAPL Site Management: LCSM Evolution, Decision Process, and Remedial Technologies](#). Part 2: Develop your LNAPL Conceptual Site Model and LNAPL Remedial Goals teaches participants how to develop an LNAPL conceptual site model and the overall framework for making remediation and management decisions. Part 3 will focus on LNAPL technology selection.

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

U.S. EPA on PFAS Treatment of Small Systems

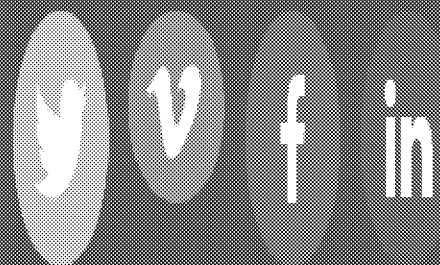
U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development will host its small systems monthly webinar on **January 29 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern** to discuss treatment technologies for removing chemicals of concern, specifically PFAS, cyanotoxins, perchlorate, and 1,4 dioxane. More information on the webinar and registration is [here](#). [Longworth]

U.S. EPA & Army on WOTUS

Due to the continued federal government shutdown, U.S. EPA and Army Corps of Engineers postponed a planned Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) public webcast and in-person meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, formerly scheduled for **January 10** and **January 22-23**, respectively. The agencies are still scheduled to host several opportunities for state input on the proposed WOTUS rule as part of the public review process. The focus of the state discussion sessions will be to hear the input of state officials on the proposed new definition and discuss implementation considerations.

U.S. EPA and the Army have not yet postponed half-day discussion forums for state officials at the following locations: Santa Fe, New Mexico, on **February 6**; and Savannah, Georgia, on **February 20**. State officials who would like to attend any of these meetings should send an email to [this address](#) to receive meeting details and registration information. The state meetings will coincide with similar meetings with tribal representatives.

EPA and the Army plan to seek additional opportunities to engage with states as the public comment period progresses. [Piper]



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